

I-5 – South 317th Street HOV Direct Access Project Update

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Construction Update

On Thursday, September 23 crews **poured concrete** for the retaining walls on both sides of the new bridge support at South 317th Street.

Another new retaining wall will be located south of the new bridge support. Last week, workers **started excavating** where the foundation of this wall will be built.

This week, we plan to **pave the temporary roadway** in the median. We'll shift southbound traffic to this temporary roadway next month. This will provide room for construction of the direct access bridge supports. During this temporary traffic shift we'll also remove and replace the permanent southbound pavement so drivers will enjoy a much smoother ride.

You can view construction photos at

http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I5/S317th_DirectAccess/photos.htm

Southbound I-5 Lane Closures

Ongoing closures are still in effect this week. Drivers should anticipate daily closures of a single lane of I-5 southbound near the 320th Street interchange. Crews need this extra room to work on the bridge supports.

Concrete Structure and Traffic Control Subcontractors

Last week we focused on three subcontractors that primary contractor Icon Materials hired to do drainage and electrical work. We mistakenly referred to one of the drainage contractors as "Previtta Brothers Construction." The correct name is **Pivetta Brothers Construction**. We apologize for the error.

ARM Construction is doing concrete structure work. Six ARM carpenters are on site, along with two ARM workers who operate pile-driving equipment. ARM crews built the concrete bridge support on the west side of the freeway and the retaining walls adjacent to the bridge support. They will also build the 317th Street bridge and will widen the Military Road bridge at the north end of the project.

Novito Construction is the traffic control subcontractor. This firm provides four to six flaggers to help direct drivers through the construction zone. Novito is classified as a **DBE**, or **disadvantaged business enterprise** by the federal government. The

Washington State Department of Transportation's contract with Icon Materials requires Icon to hire disadvantaged business enterprise firms to complete some of the work on this project.

Highway Advisory Radio Updates

If you drive through the project area, tune in this week for not one, but two new messages on highway advisory radio, **AM 1520**.

We hope that you're enjoying and learning from our radio updates. Let us know if you've tuned in and send your feedback to Laura Johnson at JohnsoL@wsdot.wa.gov.
